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A Journey into the Depths of the Human Soul
Between Small Deaths and Great Love

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Introduction

> *"When I found the answers, all the questions changed. I am on a continuous journey of searching for answers and changing questions."*

This is how my journey begins — a journey that was neither planned nor often desired, yet it was as inevitable as breathing air, as the passing of days, as rain falling on barren ground. I did not know, when it began, that every answer I would reach would turn my life upside down and force me to reframe everything I had once thought certain.

This book is not a biography in the traditional sense, nor a fictional novel, nor a purely philosophical essay. It is a strange blend of all of these, mixed with doses of pain and hope, of disappointment and awakening, of small death and great love. It is the journey of a person in this age trying to understand himself, to understand others, and to understand this contradictory world we live in.

Perhaps you will find yourself in some pages of this book, and perhaps you will see reflections of your own life mirrored in my words. That is my highest aim: for this experience not to be solitary, but to serve as a bridge the reader crosses into their own depths — to discover that the questions they ask are not strange, and that the answers they seek are not far.

I will tell you about the "small deaths" we all die in moments of disappointment and pain, and about "love" that may be the only salvation from the psychological hell we create with our own hands. I will speak to you about justice and truth, about trust and betrayal, about friendship and solitude, about the environments that warp us, and about the moments we discover we have been someone else all along.

I will write in a style that blends philosophy and reality, between quotations that stuck in my mind and my personal reflections, and between stories I lived or witnessed. Because life, in the end, is not separate chapters but a complex tapestry in which all threads intertwine to form a picture we perhaps only understand when we step back a little.

This book is my invitation to you, dear reader, to join me on this search. We will not necessarily find all the answers, but perhaps we will learn how to change our questions — and that may matter more than any answer.

Chapter One: Death Is Our Favorite Hobby

When Pain Becomes an Identity

> *"Death is our favorite hobby. We die at regular intervals — sometimes by a word, sometimes by a treacherous glance. Therefore, you cannot threaten us with death."*

These words are not merely a poetic expression of pain. They are an accurate description of an exhausting psychological state that many live in silence — a state in which repeated emotional shocks become part of the daily routine, until "death" becomes a symbol for these successive collapses rather than a physical ending.

I remember well the first time I felt this "small death." I was fifteen years old when someone dear to me said a hurtful word without realizing its impact. I felt as if something inside me had died, as if part of my soul had gone dark. I did not know then that this would be the beginning of a long chain of "deaths" I would gradually grow accustomed to.

With time, I came to anticipate these hurtful words, these harsh glances, these small betrayals that arrive from where we least expect. I grew accustomed to pain — I even mastered it. I learned to wear protective armor, to smile while feeling my heart breaking, to pretend words did not affect me while they tore my soul apart.

But the problem with growing accustomed to pain is that it changes you without you noticing. Pain becomes part of your identity. You become someone who knows how to deal with wounds better than with joy. You become expert at analyzing bad intentions, but lose the ability to see good ones. You become skilled at anticipating betrayal, but lose faith in loyalty.

> *"Truth is solid. It does not change to suit our feelings or desires."*

This is one of the harshest truths I have faced in my journey. I wanted truth to be more merciful, to adapt to my dreams and desires. But it was always solid — sometimes harsh — imposing itself upon me with all its weight, compelling me to face it whatever the cost.

I remember when I discovered a painful truth about someone I trusted blindly. I felt as if the ground shook beneath me, as if everything I had built on that trust was

collapsing. I wished the truth had been different, more gentle with my feelings. But truth is as it is — it does not change.

Here I realized an important lesson: dealing with harsh truth is not in avoiding or denying it, but in confronting it, accepting it, and then rebuilding what was destroyed on its ruins. This is not easy — it is among the hardest things a person can do — but it is necessary for growth and maturity.

The Science of Small Death

Let us examine this phenomenon I call "small death." It is not a biological phenomenon, but a psychological and social one. It is the repeated emotional death that occurs every time we face an emotional shock, every time we lose a person or a hope, every time we feel invisible or misunderstood.

> *"Everyone sees my strength and power. No one sees the price I pay from my health and soul every day."*

These words express a painful truth: that the appearances we show the world often hide a shattered inner world. People see our smiles, our successes, our outward strength, but they do not see the long nights we spend thinking, the tears we shed in private, the wounds that will not heal.

I learned to wear the mask of strength, to show the world I was fine, while collapsing inside. This paradox between appearance and reality is what makes "small death" most painful: we suffer in silence, we fight alone, and no one sees our struggle.

> *"Pain does not disappear. We only learn to live while carrying its weight in our hearts."*

This is the essence of coexisting with pain. Not that pain vanishes, but that we grow around it, learning to carry it as we carry a heavy bag every day. We become stronger, but the weight does not lighten. We become more capable of endurance, but the wounds remain as scars reminding us of what we have been through.

In my journey, I discovered there are two kinds of pain: pain that comes from outside, and pain we generate ourselves. The first we may not be able to avoid, but the second we can control. Many of the "small deaths" I lived were the result of unrealistic expectations, or excessive attachment to people or ideas, or refusal to see truth as it is.

> *"Regret is the eternal punishment we bring upon ourselves with our own hands."*

Regret is among the heaviest things we carry on our journey. It is the punishment we choose for ourselves, continuing to punish ourselves with it again and again. How many times have I regretted a word I said, a decision I made, an opportunity I lost? How many times have I returned in memory to rewrite the past differently?

But the truth is that the past cannot be changed. What we can do is learn the lesson and move forward. This is easier in theory than in practice, but it is necessary to rid ourselves of the weight of regret that prevents us from advancing.

> *"A mistake does not become right simply because everyone does it."*

This truth has been my salvation many times. In an environment where certain wrong behaviors may be common, this reminder — that wrong remains wrong even if everyone does it, and right remains right even if you alone do it — was essential.

I have often chosen to walk a path different from those around me, a path that may be harder and lonelier, but one that aligns with my values and principles. This choice was not easy and cost me much in loneliness and misunderstanding, but it was necessary to preserve my inner peace.

Death as a Life Experience

> *"I have fallen so many times that the ground has become a familiar place — but each time I rise stronger."*

This is the essence of the transformation from victim to survivor. When we fall often, we become experts at rising. We know how to brush the dust from our clothes, how to tend our wounds, how to keep walking despite the pain.

I remember a turning point in my life, when I realized that my repeated falling was not weakness, but harsh training in resilience. Each time I rose, I discovered strength I did not know I had, and capacity for endurance I had not imagined.

> *"In this world, you are either a wolf that eats, or a sheep that is eaten. And I was not created to be a victim."*

This statement may sound harsh, but it reflects a reality we live. The world is not merciful, and people often prey on the weak. But the choice is not always between being a wolf or a sheep. There is a third option: to be a conscious human being who

knows when to defend oneself, when to cooperate with others, and when to withdraw from battles that serve no purpose.

> *"I did not choose this life. The world is what pushed me into a corner, and I had to fight in order to survive."*

Many may feel they were pushed into a corner, that circumstances forced them into choices they would not have made. But the truth is that we always have a choice in how we respond to circumstances. We may not choose what happens to us, but we choose how we deal with it.

> *"I hate cruelty in everything — in words, in manner, even in the gaze of the eyes."*

This hatred of cruelty has driven me to be different, to be kind even when others are harsh, to be merciful even when they do not deserve mercy. Not because they deserve it, but because I do not want to become like them — because I believe kindness is strength, not weakness.

Chapter Two: Love as Salvation and Renewal

When Love Changes Everything

> *"If there is anything that changes desires and souls, transforms natures and persons, purifies moods and minds, and softens hearts and matters — it is, without doubt, 'Love.'"*

After all this talk of small death and recurring pain, love arrives as a potential rescuer, as an opportunity to rebuild, as light at the end of a dark tunnel. But love, as I would learn, is not a magic solution — it is another journey of pain and beauty combined.

"Love is a feeling that may grant you the strength to struggle and advance, giving you hope for change and improvement. It makes you feel you own the world and everything is at your disposal — simply because you met someone who added flavor to your days and brought colors into them that made them bloom after they had been bleak and miserable."

I remember when love first entered my life as an adult — I was in a state of despair and depression. I had surrendered to the idea that I would live alone, that no one would understand me, that pain was my inevitable fate. Then I met someone who changed everything.

It was not magical, and it was not love at first sight. It was gradual — like rain watering dry earth, like the sun rising after a long night. It began as friendship, as curiosity, as a desire to know more about this strange person who seemed different from everyone I had known.

With time, this person became the center of my world. I would await their messages with longing, smile when I saw their name appear on my phone, feel warmth when their gaze touched me. The colors of my life changed. I began to see beauty in things I had once thought ordinary. I began to believe in the future again.

> *"You are not just a woman I loved — you are the battle I am afraid to lose."*

This feeling expresses the depth of attachment, the fear of losing the person who has become part of your identity. When we love, we become vulnerable — because our happiness becomes tied to another person, because our future becomes shared with someone who may leave at any moment.

> *"When I look at you, I see everything I am trying to protect in this world."*

Love makes us see in the other a refuge, a safe place, something precious we shield from all dangers. But this desire to protect can be a double-edged sword: it can become excessive, possessive, suffocating the other person rather than freeing them.

True Love and Holding On in Moments of Brokenness

> *"I do not only love you in your beautiful moments. I hold on to you even in your most broken ones."*

This is the essence of true love — not the love that comes in easy times, but the love that holds firm in difficult ones. The love that sees the other at their worst and chooses to stay. The love that embraces weakness and does not flee from it.

In my journey, I learned that true love is not about perfection but about acceptance. To love someone means accepting their flaws and shortcomings, seeing their beauty despite their ugliness, trusting them despite their mistakes, staying beside them despite their brokenness.

> *"I know we walk two different roads, but my heart knows no road other than yours."*

This contradiction between mind and heart is the core of suffering in love. The mind sees truths that may be painful: that we are incompatible, that the future is not together, that the wisest path is to move apart. But the heart insists on staying, insists on loving, insists on hope despite all the evidence.

> *"Sometimes, staying beside the one you love is the hardest legal decision you make."*

Sometimes love is a genuine challenge — not because of the other person, but because of circumstances, our commitments, our responsibilities. To choose to remain with someone you love despite every difficulty is a brave decision, one that requires sacrifice, one others may not understand.

Love as a Force

> *"My love for you is not weakness — it is the only force that makes me endure this world."*

This statement transforms the traditional view of love as weakness into a vision of love as strength. Love is not surrender — it is a source of power, the drive to continue, the reason we endure the difficulties of life.

> *"You and I are like fire and water — we know we hurt each other, but we cannot stay apart."*

Some relationships are contradictory, sometimes painful, but their power cannot be denied. Fire and water cannot meet without friction, yet neither can fully exist without the other. In some love, pain is part of the beauty, and challenge is part of the commitment.

> *"With you — only with you — I feel I can lay down my weapons and rest a while."*

This is what matters most: that love be a refuge from life's wars, a place where we can be vulnerable without fear, where we rest from daily battles, where we are our natural selves without masks or armor.

Unrequited Love

> *"I learned that care and love are not always two sides of the same coin. Someone may value you, respect you, and genuinely care about you without wanting a romantic relationship. Accepting this truth was one of the most painful lessons of my life."*

This is the harshest lesson: to be valued and cared for sincerely without being loved in the way we desire. To matter to someone, but not in the form we long for. To accept that care does not mean love, and that respect does not mean desire.

"There were days when sadness accompanied me wherever I went. I replayed conversations in my mind, searching for mistakes. I wondered if I should have acted or spoken differently, or expressed my feelings another way. But I came to realize in the end that not every broken heart results from a mistake. Sometimes two people simply feel differently."

This realization is the key to healing: to recognize that it is not our fault, that we did nothing wrong, that feelings are simply not reciprocated. Not every broken heart needs to be fixed — sometimes pain is simply a truth to be accepted, not a problem to be solved.

> *"This experience taught me that love cannot be forced, bargained for, or earned through suffering. It is given freely."*

This is the essence of what I learned: love is free — it cannot be coerced, bought, or deserved through effort or suffering. It comes when it comes and goes when it goes, and all we can do is remain open to it when it appears and accepting when it fades.

> *"Though the story ended differently than I had hoped, it changed me. It taught me the meaning of attachment, hope, disappointment, and the capacity for resilience. Most importantly, it taught me that losing someone's love does not mean losing my own worth."*

This is the salvation: that unrequited love does not diminish our value. We do not become less worthy because someone did not choose us. Our worth comes from within — from our identity, our humanity — and not from the gaze of others.

> *"I still remember her. I still cherish the moments we shared. But I now understand that recovery does not mean forgetting someone — it means learning to hold the memory without letting it destroy me."*

And so we reach the mature stage of dealing with unrequited love: to remember without pain, to cherish without attachment, to move forward without forgetting. Recovery is not erasing the memory — it is learning to live with it in a healthy way.

Chapter Three: Justice, Truth, and Values

Justice as a Living Conscience

> *"Justice is not merely words written in books — it is a living conscience applied in reality."*

In a world full of laws and systems, we sometimes forget that true justice is not in abstract texts but in applying them with a human spirit. Justice is not a blind machine — it is a living value that requires an alert conscience and sincere will.

> *"My duty is not to find a guilty party, but to find the whole truth."*

This vision of justice differs from the traditional punitive approach. True justice does not aim to find a scapegoat, but to reveal truth in all its dimensions, to achieve genuine fairness.

> *"Truth is solid. It does not change to suit our feelings or desires."*

This brings us back to the subject of truth that does not change, however painful. In our pursuit of justice, we must be prepared to face truths that may be uncomfortable, that may shatter our idealized images of ourselves or others.

Honesty and Integrity

> *"People do not love the honest — they love those who give them the lies that comfort them."*

This is a bitter truth: that honesty may be costly, and that people generally prefer comfort over truth. The honest may be unpopular, may be disturbing — but they are necessary for any healthy society.

> *"Honor is like a white sheet of paper. If it is stained once, it will never be pure again no matter how hard you try to erase it."*

Honor is a precious value — easy to lose, hard to recover. Once you lose your credibility, it becomes very difficult to reclaim, no matter how hard you try. This does not mean mistakes are unforgivable, but they leave scars.

> *"Raising an upright man in this crooked world is the hardest case I have ever faced in my life."*

In a world where it is often easier to bend, holding firm to integrity is a great challenge. Raising children with upright values requires extraordinary effort and demands a model worth following.

> *"Everyone claims integrity and principles — until you place the right sum or the right threat in front of them."*

This pessimistic view may reflect a painful reality, but it does not mean integrity is impossible. It means that true integrity is tested in moments of pressure, not in moments of ease.

Trust and Betrayal

> *"Trust is like glass: once broken, it never returns to what it was. But in our world, we try hard to repair it."*

Trust is among the most precious things we possess, and the most fragile. When it breaks, we may try to repair it, but it will never be what it was. And yet we keep trying — because life without trust is unbearable.

> *"Betrayal does not come from our enemies. It always comes from those to whom we opened our doors."*

This is the painful paradox of betrayal: it comes from where we least expect, from those we trusted, from those we allowed into our lives. Betrayal from friends and loved ones is far more painful than an attack from enemies.

> *"Everyone talks about loyalty and friendship, but when the ship starts to sink, everyone jumps to save themselves first."*

In difficult times, truths emerge. Many speak of loyalty and friendship in easy times, but few prove it when things become hard. This does not mean everyone is selfish — it means the true test of loyalty comes in hardship.

> *"Trust is the greatest mistake you can make in the street. The one you trust today is the one who will sell you tomorrow."*

This pessimistic view reflects painful experiences, but is not an absolute truth. Trust is not a mistake, but it may be a risk. Wisdom is not in never trusting, but in choosing wisely whom to trust.

Decisions and Their Consequences

> *"Decisions we make in a moment of anger, we may pay for with a lifetime."*

This is a reminder of the importance of self-control, especially in moments of emotion. Hasty decisions may have lasting consequences, ones we will regret for the rest of our lives. Pausing and thinking before making pivotal decisions is not weakness — it is wisdom.

> *"Life does not give us what we deserve — it gives us what we dare to seize."*

Life is not always fair, and does not give everyone what they deserve. In many cases, we must take what we want, fight for it, and prove we deserve it through our actions — not merely through theoretical entitlement.

> *"Regret is a luxury that those who wish to remain at the top cannot afford."*

In a competitive world, regret may be a luxury unaffordable to those who wish to continue at the top. But this does not mean being without conscience — it means learning quickly from our mistakes and pressing forward.

Chapter Four: Relationships, Friendship, and Solitude

True Friendship

> *"Friendship is not merely spending enjoyable time together. It is standing with you in the darkness until we find the light together."*

This is the essence of true friendship: being present in difficult times, staying when others leave, being a light in the dark. True friendship is not about beautiful moments alone, but about standing together in adversity.

> *"In this world, do not trust your own shadow — it leaves you when you enter the darkness."*

This statement reflects disappointment in shallow relationships that disappear when things become difficult. But true friendship is the kind that remains even in the darkest of circumstances.

Family Relationships

> *"No matter what I do, I will always remain the failing brother and the guilty son in your eyes. I have stopped trying to please you."*

Family relationships can be among the most complex, where roles and labels are fixed that may not reflect our true selves. Stopping the attempt to please the family, to change our image in their eyes, can be a necessary step toward psychological freedom.

> *"I do not look for trouble, but trouble finds its way to me as if it knows my address well."*

Some people seem to attract problems, or problems find them — perhaps because of their environment, their personality, or bad luck. What matters is how we deal with these problems when they arrive.

> *"The hardest punishment is not prison, but to look into the eyes of your family and see their disappointment and regret that you carry their name."*

Family rejection can be among the most crushing experiences, because family is the original source of our identity. To feel you have disappointed your family, to see regret in their eyes because you carry their name — this can be more painful than any other punishment.

Solitude and the Failure to Be Understood

> *"The places no longer hold me, nor do I hold them. So I practice absence frequently, and sit defeated and alone, waiting for time to pass — hoping that one day I will feel some lightness, and be myself."*

This description of solitude reflects a deep feeling of not belonging, of being unable to find a place that suits us, or to suit any place. Absence becomes a practice, solitude becomes a refuge, and the only hope is for a day when we feel the lightness of existence and become ourselves.

> *"Since childhood I have used my imagination to create visions I love — so much so that I grew accustomed to imagining in order to calm down, to sleep, to escape. My imagination has saved me sometimes just as it has delighted me many other times."*

Imagination becomes a refuge for those who cannot find one in reality. The ability to create parallel worlds, to escape into our dreams, may be a means of survival — a way of coping with a reality we cannot bear.

> *"If death were to visit me under the name of sleep, I have already seen all my dreams while awake. Why was I asking about their names? So they understand where and how I died..."*

This poetry reflects a state of surrender, where death under the name of sleep becomes a welcome visit, where the dreams we see while awake may feel more real than reality itself.

Chapter Five: Environment and Identity

The Toxic Environment

"A toxic environment convinces you that your quick temper is your true nature — until you discover in a safe environment that you are actually a calm person. Our nervous system is often in a state of constant defense because of those around us, leading us to believe we are 'nervous' or 'sensitive' people, when the truth is we were simply reacting to a lack of safety."

This is one of the most important insights in my personal journey. How many of us believed we were nervous, quick-tempered, excessively sensitive — only to discover in a different environment that we are calm and balanced? The environment we live in affects our nervous system, our reactions, our apparent personality.

> *"Or more briefly: a toxic environment convinces you that your impulsive reactions are your nature — until you discover in a safe environment that you are actually calm."*

This condensed idea summarizes a deep experience that many live. To discover that the "personality" we believed was real was merely a reaction to an unhealthy environment — and that when we move to a safe environment, we discover aspects of ourselves we never knew.

> *"The flowers bloom again, but without scent."*

This metaphor expresses the feeling that we may recover outwardly, may bloom again, but have lost something forever. The fragrance that once defined us — that innocence, that trust, that beautiful naivety — may never return.

Discovering the True Self

> *"The person you despise may be purer than you. The person you dislike may see in themselves what you lack. The person you attack carries an innocence you have lost. The person you fear is not your weakest point — they are your mirror. And in the end, everything you run from... is you."*

This deep insight reflects one of the most important lessons of psychological maturity: that what we hate in others is often a reflection of what we hate in ourselves. That those we despise may be better than us, and those we fear may be our mirror.

The idea that "everything you run from is you" is a pivotal concept in the journey of self-discovery. When we avoid certain qualities in others, we are usually avoiding those same qualities in ourselves. When we criticize others harshly, we are usually criticizing ourselves with equal harshness.

> *"Everyone sees my strength and power. No one sees the price I pay from my health and soul every day."*

This brings us back to the duality between appearance and essence. Outward strength may conceal inner fragility. Power may be armor hiding a deep fear.

> *"I may be strict, and I may be irritating, but I have never been unjust."*

This distinction is important: between strictness and injustice, between being irritating and being unjust. Strictness may be necessary, irritability may be a personality trait — but injustice is a red line that must never be crossed.

Chapter Six: Falling and Rising

The Art of Rising After the Fall

> *"I have fallen so many times that the ground has become a familiar place — but each time I rise stronger."*

This statement summarizes life itself. Falling is not an ending — it is part of the journey. When we fall often, we become experts at rising. We learn how to protect ourselves during the fall, and how to get up more quickly.

> *"If you fall, I will lift you up again. And if I cannot lift you, I will lie down beside you."*

This is the most beautiful image of support in difficult times. Not only lifting others when they fall, but being beside them even when we cannot lift them. To lie down beside them in their fall, so they know they are not alone.

> *"Sometimes you must break some rules to keep the world from breaking."*

This idea reflects that blind adherence to rules can sometimes be misleading. Sometimes, to save what is more important, we must break some lesser rules. Wisdom is not always in following the rules, but in knowing when to break them.

Resilience and Flexibility

> *"Calm is not the absence of fear — it is the ability to control it."*

This redefines courage and calm. True calm is not the absence of fear, but the ability to continue despite it, to make correct decisions despite the anxiety.

> *"The fire you light to take revenge on your enemies will usually burn you first."*

This is a warning about revenge, which may seem satisfying at first but usually turns into a fire that consumes its owner. Revenge may appear to be a solution, but it generally creates larger problems.

> *"If everyone forgets what happened, only my conscience will remain to remind me that punishment is owed."*

Conscience is the inner watchman from whom there is no escape. Even if everyone forgets our mistakes, even if they forgive us, our conscience remains there to remind us, to hold us accountable, to make us face ourselves.

Chapter Seven: Truth and the Endless Search

Changing the Questions

> *"When I found the answers, all the questions changed."*

This is the essence of the journey we live. When we reach answers, we discover that the questions we were asking were wrong, or insufficient, or superficial. Every answer leads us to deeper questions, to more complex inquiries.

> *"Truth is like light — we may be late in seeing it because of the darkness, but it will certainly appear one day."*

This is the hope that keeps us continuing to search: that truth will eventually emerge, however long the darkness lasts. We may live in the darkness of ignorance, of deception, of illusion — but truth will dawn in the end.

Honesty with Oneself

> *"You are not just a woman I loved — you are the battle I am afraid to lose."*

In the journey of seeking truth, we discover that much of what we call love is in reality a battle, a struggle with the self, a fear of loss. True love is not a fear of losing — it is an acceptance of the other as they are.

> *"You are my compass. When I am lost in my darkness, I always find my way to you."*

This reflects the importance of the other in our journey — as a guide, as a compass in the darkness of the self. But caution is needed: we must not make others our only compass, but also learn to find our own way.

> *"My love for you is not weakness — it is the only force that makes me endure this world."*

This transforms love from weakness into strength, from burden into motivation, from pain into a source of hope. Love can be the force that keeps us going, that makes us endure, that gives us a reason to continue.

Conclusion

A Continuing Journey

> *"You meet someone, you place in them every gentle feeling possible, and they place in you a disappointment you will overcome as if you were shedding your own skin from your body."*

And so the journey of meetings and farewells continues — of love and disappointment, of falling and rising. Every experience changes us, every person we meet leaves their mark on us, and every disappointment we pass through shapes us anew.

> *"The places no longer hold me, nor do I hold them. So I practice absence frequently, and sit defeated and alone, waiting for time to pass — hoping that one day I will feel some lightness, and be myself."*

The journey continues, and the search for the self does not end. We pass through periods of solitude, of defeat, of waiting — but hope remains for a day we feel lightness, a day we are ourselves once more.

> *"Since childhood I have used my imagination to create visions I love — so much so that I grew accustomed to imagining in order to calm down, to sleep, to escape. My imagination has saved me sometimes just as it has delighted me many other times."*

Imagination remains our refuge in difficult times, a source of hope and beauty in a world that can be harsh. The capacity to imagine, to create better worlds, to see beyond reality, is among our greatest gifts.

> *"If death were to visit me under the name of sleep, I have already seen all my dreams while awake. Why was I asking about their names? So they understand where and how I died..."*

And in the end, all of this journey — all these questions, all these answers — leads us to a deeper understanding of life and death, of love and pain, of solitude and connection. We live and die in every moment, in every experience, in every relationship. And the most important question is not "How do we die?" but "How do we live?"

Final Thoughts

> *"I hate cruelty in everything — in words, in manner, even in the gaze of the eyes."*

Perhaps this is the most important lesson at the end of the journey: hating cruelty in all its forms, and striving for kindness and compassion in all our dealings. In a world that can be cruel, choosing kindness becomes a revolution, choosing mercy becomes resistance, choosing love becomes a challenge.

> *"When I found the answers, all the questions changed."*

And we return to where we began. The journey does not end, and the questions keep changing. What we believe today to be truth may tomorrow become merely a new question. And what we seek today, we may discover tomorrow we were seeking in the wrong direction.

But this is the beauty of the journey: that it is continuous, full of discoveries, teaching us to be flexible, to change our direction when we discover we were wrong, to keep questioning even when the answers seem distant.

In the end, perhaps the goal is not to reach final answers, but to learn how to ask better questions. Perhaps the goal is not to find absolute truth, but to become people more capable of dealing with complexity and ambiguity.

> *"Regret is a luxury that those who wish to remain at the top cannot afford."*

But perhaps the top is not where we want to remain. Perhaps the journey itself — with all its falling and rising, all its pain and beauty — is the true summit. Perhaps living honestly, feeling deeply, and loving courageously is what truly matters.

A Final Word

This book is an attempt to translate a complex inner journey into words. It is an attempt to understand the self through the lens of shared human experiences. It is an invitation to the reader to join me on this journey, to see themselves in these pages, to find their own questions and answers.

Every word here is the result of real experiences, deep reflections, moments of pain and joy, of falling and rising. Not merely theoretical ideas, but heartbeats and soul strokes and moments of life.

I hope you find in these pages what touches your soul, what makes you feel you are not alone in your journey, what gives you hope that tomorrow may be better, that love is worth the risk, and that pain can be a gateway to growth.

> *"In this world, you are either a wolf that eats, or a sheep that is eaten. And I was not created to be a victim."*

I was not created to be a victim — and neither were you. We were not created to live in fear, to accept cruelty, to surrender to despair. We were created to love, to grow, to be better than we were yesterday.

> *"You and I are like fire and water — we know we hurt each other, but we cannot stay apart."*

And so life continues, in its contradictions, in its complexities, in its painful beauty and beautiful pain. Fire and water, love and pain, strength and weakness — all coexisting within us, shaping us, making us.

> *"And with you — only with you — I feel I can lay down my weapons and rest a while."*

In the end, all we search for is a place where we can lay down our weapons and rest a little. A place where we feel safe, where we are ourselves, where we find peace.

I hope you find that place within yourself, in your relationships, on your journey. I hope you reach a day when you feel lightness — and are yourself.

Appendix: Selected Quotations

On Small Death

> *"Death is our favorite hobby. We die at regular intervals — sometimes by a word, sometimes by a treacherous glance. Therefore, you cannot threaten us with death."*

On Love

> *"If there is anything that changes desires and souls, transforms natures and persons, purifies moods and minds, and softens hearts and matters — it is, without doubt, 'Love.'"*
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> *"You are not just a woman I loved — you are the battle I am afraid to lose."*

On Justice and Truth

> *"Justice is not merely words written in books — it is a living conscience applied in reality."*
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> *"Truth is solid. It does not change to suit our feelings or desires."*

On Trust and Betrayal

> *"Trust is like glass: once broken, it never returns to what it was. But in our world, we try hard to repair it."*
>
> *"Betrayal does not come from our enemies. It always comes from those to whom we opened our doors."*

On Friendship

> *"Friendship is not merely spending enjoyable time together. It is standing with you in the darkness until we find the light together."*

On Strength and Weakness

> *"Everyone sees my strength and power. No one sees the price I pay from my health and soul every day."*
>
> *"My love for you is not weakness — it is the only force that makes me endure this world."*

On Environment and Identity

> *"A toxic environment convinces you that your quick temper is your true nature — until you discover in a safe environment that you are actually a calm person."*

On Resilience

> *"I have fallen so many times that the ground has become a familiar place — but each time I rise stronger."*
>
> *"Pain does not disappear. We only learn to live while carrying its weight in our hearts."*

On Solitude and the Search

> *"The places no longer hold me, nor do I hold them. So I practice absence frequently, and sit defeated and alone, waiting for time to pass — hoping that one day I will feel some lightness, and be myself."*

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And thank you, dear reader, for joining me on this journey. I hope you found in it what touches your soul, what gives you hope, what reminds you that you are not alone.

> *"When I found the answers, all the questions changed. I am on a continuous journey of searching for answers and changing questions."*

And our journey continues.

About the Author

I am a human being on a journey — just like you. I write to understand, to share, to find meaning in the chaos of life. These pages are part of my journey. I hope they may become part of yours as well.

If you wish to connect, to share your experience, or simply to talk — you are welcome. Because in the end, we are all on this journey together.

The end is not the end. It is a new beginning.

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